

**ARTICLE THIRTEEN
ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

- A. **Democratic Tradition:** The parties agree, within the prescribed course of study of the Broward County public school system, to seek to educate young people in the democratic tradition, to foster a recognition of individual freedom and social responsibilities, to inspire meaningful awareness of and respect for the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida and the United States, and to instill appreciation of the values of individuality. It is recognized that these democratic values can best be transmitted in an atmosphere which is free from censorship and artificial restraints upon free inquiry and learning, and in which academic freedom for employee and students is encouraged.

- B. **Individual Rights:** Freedom of individual conscience, association and expression shall be encouraged and fair procedures developed to safeguard the legitimate interests of the schools and to exhibit by appropriate examples the basic objectives of a democratic society.

- C. **Rights of Others:** While the employee must be free to live according to his/her own conscience, so must his/her students and the public he/she serves. The employee may not infringe upon the freedom of students assembled involuntarily by application of attendance laws. Opinion and theory should be clearly stated and identified.